

## GRAUSTARK

#223

1969BW, 1970D, 1970E, 1970J, 1970M, 1970W

24 October 1970

1970E

"Fall 1906"

ITALY IN MUNICH AFTER FIERCE BATTLE

Following "Spring" moves Italy retreated F Mid-North Atlantic, a retreat which is legal but was not cited in #222.

ENGLAND (Gletty): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Swe-Bot; F Norway holds; F Norwegian Sea S F Norway.

GERMANY (Tang): F Ska-Den; F Eng-Mid; A Bro-Par; A Mun S A Sil; A Liv S A Mos-War; A Sil S A Mos-War; A Mos-War; A Gas S ENGLISH; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Mar S ENGLISH; F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

ITALY (Becker): F North Atlantic-Liv; A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; A Spa-Gas; F Por-Mid; A Boh-Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Alb-Ser; F Smy-Aeg; F Ion-Tun; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun.

RUSSIA (Burley): A Ank & F Con hold; F Bar-Norway; F St.P(n.c.) S F Bar-Norway; A War-Liv; A Sev-Mos; A Ukr S A Sev-Mos; A Rum-Gal.

Underlined moves are not possible. Retreats and removals are: GERMANY: A Mar-Bur.

ITALY: A Spa annihilated.

RUSSIA: A War-Pru.

In addition, the German army dislodged from Munich may retreat to Ruhr, Berlin, or Kiel. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1906" builds and removals, which may be made conditional on them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, Nor, Spa, Swe.(5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hel, Kie, Par, War. (8)

ITALY: Gre, Liv, Mar, Mun, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (13)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Rum, St.P, Mos, Sev. (8)

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1970J

"Fall 1906"

ITALIANS MOVE EAST TO MEET THREAT

ENGLAND (R. Miller): A Edi-Den; F North Sea C A Edi-Den; F Lon S F North Sea.

FRANCE (Locke): F Mid & F Mar S F Spa(s.c.); F Spa(s.c.) & A Bur S F Mar; A Bel-Hol; A Ruh S A Bel-Hol.

GERMANY (Berman): A St.P-Mos; F Bot-Swe; A Den-Kie; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh; F Hol-North Sea; F Norway S F Hol-North Sea.

ITALY (Comber): F Ion-Adr; F Tyr-Ion; F Lyo-Tyr; F Wes-Tun; A Pie-Tyr; A Alb-Ser; A Vic-Bud; A Tri S A Pie-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Grayson): A War-Ukr; A Mos S A War-Ukr.

TURKEY (Aita): F Sev holds; F Aeg S A Gre; A Ser S A Bud; A Rum S A Bud; A Bud S A Ser; A Bul & A Gre S A Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers as they did in "1905" (see GRAUSTARK #220) except that Greece and Serbia have passed from Italy to Turkey. Turkey may build two new units, and Germany may build one. Italy must remove 2 units. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 1970.

L'ESPRESSO, ROME: President Combero, returning from the opera, expressed dismay at the recent actions of the Turks. "I donta unnastand how those seemingly, as you say, smarta mens maka such a tragic mistaka! We hopa that the Turks willa repudiate their treachery and withdraw. Of course," sighed the President, "Sucha action requires honor. Ima afraid that the Turks lost more thana their minda on this senseless attack."

JEUNE AFRIQUE, TUNIS: The great  
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1970W

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"Spring 1905"

# RUSSO-GERMAN ALLIANCE HITS ENGLISH IN NORTH

ENGLAND (Kimmel): F Bal-Ber; A St, P-Norway; F Ska-Den; F North Sea S F Ska-Den.

FRANCE (Vest): A Hol-Kie; A Bel-Ruh; F Pic-Eng; F Bre-Mid; A Bur-Mun; A Pic-Mar; F Mar-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (McCallum): F Norway-North Sea; F Hel S F Norway-North Sea; A Kie-Mun; A Ruh S A Kie-Mun; A Den S RUSSIAN F Swe.

ITALY (Ward): A Gre-Syr; F Aeg & F Eas C A Gre-Syr; F Bul(s.c.) holds; A Bud S A Vie; A Vie S A Bud; A Ser S F Bul(s.c.); A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; F Rom-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): F Swe S GERMAN A Den; A Liv-Mos; A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev.

TURKEY (Grayson): A Smy & A Ank S F Con; F Con S A Smy; A Sev-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English fleet dislodged from the North Sea may retreat to the Norwegian Sea, Edinburgh, Yorkshire, or London. The direction of this retreat should be phoned immediately to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 1970.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Sultan has heard the peace proposal from the West, and is inclined to abide by its spirit.

ROME: The French encroachment must be contained.

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Italy may build three new units, and England may build one. Germany must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 1970.

1970J (continued from p. 1)

Lavender Fleet entered the harbor for refuelling today on its way East. Admiral Peter de Fata stated: "We are simply going to crush the silly savages."

DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL PAGE: OK AMERICA!!! LET'S hear it for the loyal Italians who were attacked by those commie pinkos from Turkey.

HET VRUE VOLK, AMSTERDAM: The sale of pizza pies were up 350% because of the sympathy felt by the people. The Italian Ambassador I. Fuggalatta returned exhausted. "Some of the women really showed their sympathy!!!" he remarked. President Combero sent the ambassador the Order of the Golden Penis for action above and beyond the call of duty and nature.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

By order of the Vice-President, this year Halloween will fall on Tuesday 3 November.

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My comment on Ed Craig's letter on p. 6 is in error. In the game played at St. John's University in Mil-Con II, and printed in #216 and #217, France was not given a build in "1902" for the possession of Belgium.

And, since I stenciled my comment to Derek Nelson on p. 12, Canada has gone to war - at least the Prime Minister has declared a "state of war emergency". So now Canada can have a legitimate anti-war movement. Okay, Derek?

1970M

"Fall 1905"

## AUSTRIA STRIKES BACK AT TURKISH POWER

Following "Spring 1905" moves, Germany retreats F North Sea-Norwegian Sea.

ENGLAND (Locke): A Edi holds; F Wal-Lon; F Hol-Don.

FRANCE (Strayer): F North Sea S RUSSIAN F Swe-Den; F Eng-Lon; A Bel-Hol; A Bur-Mun; A Ven S TURKISH A Tri; A Pie S A Ven; F Wes S TURKISH F Tyr-Tun.

GERMANY (Barents): A Tus S ITALIAN A Rom-Ven; A Tyr-Mun; A Mun-Ber; F Bal-Liv; F Norwegian Sea-Bar.

ITALY (Kirkpatrick): No moves received. A Rom & F Apu hold; F Tun dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Gal-Bud; A Vie S A Gal-Bud.

RUSSIA (Leinhos): F Norway S FRENCH F North Sea; F Swe-Den; A Sil S FRENCH A Bur-Mun; A Ukr-War; A Mos holds.

TURKEY (Cairns): F Bla holds; F Tyr-Tun; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Eas-Ion; A Tri S FRENCH A Ven; A Bud-Vie; A Rum-Bud; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Bud-Ser. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Vie. (2)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Lon, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Ven. (10)

RUSSIA: Den, Mos, Nor, St.P, Swe, War. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Kie. (2)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser,

ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2)

Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun. (10)

France may build three new units, Turkey may build two, and Russia may build one. England must remove one unit, and Germany must remove three. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 1970. See below for information about stand-bys.

PARIS: Returning home from conferences with his allies, Robert Dumass stated his intention to take a week's rest due to what Dumass called "intenseley penetrating harem scarum". When Dumass was asked what strategy the allies would pursue he replied, "Friends - bookends." Solid Si & Gar logic!

## STAND-BY INFORMATION

See p. 11 for information about Brian Burley's replacement of Ray Amling as stand-by in games 1970D and 1970J.

Brian will be called upon fairly quickly. Jerry White has missed his "Winter 1906" removals as Italy in 1970D (see p. 4) and Brian Burley is called upon to send in "Spring 1907" moves. If Jerry White does not submit "Spring 1907" moves for Italy in 1970D, Burley will take over the play of that country in that game.

In the 1970M moves printed above, Marty Kirkpatrick has not submitted "Fall 1905" moves as Italy. If he does not submit "Spring 1906" moves by the deadline of 21 November, then the stand-by's moves will be accepted. That stand-by is Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116; 714-282-1921.

Other stand-bys at present are Marty Kirkpatrick in 1970E and Richard Locke in 1970W. However, Kirkpatrick seems to be hard to find, and Locke has already been taken on as stand-by in 2 other games. Therefore volunteers for stand-by service will be exceedingly welcomed.

## FRANCE: LE JOUR DE GLOIRE

Following "Fall 1911" moves in 1969BW, France builds F Brs, A Par, and A Mar. This gives France 18 units, compared to 15 for all other players combined, and means that France, played by Richard Miller, wins.

The supply center chart and roster appear below. An asterisk indicates a supply center for which no build was made.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	STATEMENT BY THE
E	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	5	6	6	6	WINNER, DICK MILLER:
F	3	6	6	9	10	14*	12	17**	16*	18**	17**	19*	This was the first
G	3	5	6	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	postal Diplomacy game
I	3	4	3	2	2								I entered and I want
A	3	4	5	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1		to publicly thank John
R	4	5	5	6	6	5	4	2	1				Beshara for all he
T	3	4	4	4	5	5	7	6	7	5	5	4	taught each of us in
													this beginners' game.

1969BW: John Beshara, GRAUSTARK

E - Arthur Lasky

F - Richard Miller (won F11)

G - Joseph Shuldiner

I - Paul Gorman (out F05)

A - Jay Kimmel (out S11)

R - Richard Wile (out S09)

T - James Becker

I learned a great deal and expect to play better in the future. I also want to commend GRAUSTARK for its interesting content and prompt publication.

ANALYSIS BY THE GAMESMASTER,  
JOHN BESHARA: From the onset France was the only country to effectively negotiate alliances. By the end of

1903 his victory was virtually assured with his penetration into Germany and the collapse of Italy. For a while thereafter the Russo-German forces attempted a holding action in the West, while in the East Russia and Austria-Hungary battled Turkey, but they were not strong enough to do both. With England supporting France, and Turkey fighting the enemies of France, it was no contest.

In the Fall of 1906 France's tactical sloppiness allowed Turkey, aided by Austria-Hungary, Russia, and Germany, to develop a devastating coup. Had England joined the opposition, France was doomed. But destroying France might not benefit England, for he could be overrun before he had time to secure his position. Unexplainably, neither Turkey, Germany, Russia, nor Austria-Hungary contacted England to negotiate a Grand Alliance, without which their opposition to French victory bordered on the futile. In consequence the following year France won five new supply centers by bargaining and maneuvering with a brilliance worthy of an expert, but nonetheless a beginner.

The remainder of the game became a pro forma exercise punctuated by tactical lapses on the part of France and accented by Germany's skill in surviving with a modicum of honor.

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In the next issue of GRAUSTARK John Beshara will announce his new all New York City game which will include some of the city's most seasoned and talented players. Then on November 7 he leaves for a month's jaunt to the West Coast, stopping in San Diego, Newport Beach, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and San Francisco. He is looking forward to visiting with the area's Diplomacy fans, especially Larry Peery and Rod Walker.

1970D

"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND (Wells): Builds F Lon. ITALY (White): A Gas, F Tun removed.  
GERMANY (Nierenberg, vice Pros- TURKEY (Grayson): Builds A Ank, A Con,  
nitz): Builds A Mun. A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 1970. See p. 3 for information about a replacement possibility.

## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

[As always, comments by the Gamesmaster are enclosed in brackets. The date of the letter, when known, is indicated.]

BOB STRAYER: James Baldwin, generally acknowledged as America's foremost Negro author, offers a concurring opinion (with yours, I think) on the topic of Christianity:

"I was also able to see that the principles governing the rites and customs of the churches in which I grew up did not differ from the principles governing the rites and customs of other churches, white. The principles were blindness, loneliness, and terror, the first principle necessarily and actively cultivated in order to deny the two others. I would love to believe that the principles were faith, hope, and charity, but this is clearly not so for most Christians or for what we call the Christian world."

- The Fire Next Time, p. 45

George Bernard Shaw's prefaces are a good source of anti-Christian thought...In case you aren't into Shaw, I would suggest that you read The Devil's Disciple, Androcles and the Lion, and A Black Girl in Search of God. But if nothing else you must read act three of Man and Superman if you have not already done so.

Shaw tells us "...the Roman persecutions of the early Christians, not...conflict of a false theology with a true, but as what all such persecutions essentially are: an attempt to suppress a propaganda that seemed to threaten the interests involved in the established law and order, organized and maintained in the name of religion and justice by politicians who are pure opportunist have-and-holders."

[I have read and enjoyed the third act of Man and Superman. But it seems to me that the "Don Juan in Hell" episode reverses a view of Hell and Heaven that appears in the works of some of our more cynical moderns. The places which are called "Hell" and "Heaven" in that work would seem to have the opposite names with them: "Heaven" becomes the abode of the stuffy hypocrites who invoke its blessings in this world, while "Hell" is regarded as the home of the independent thinkers, the rogues and rebels, actors and singers, the Mermaid Tavern on Basin Street, while upstairs the men and women who went to the scaffold for their beliefs converse intelligently in a library of all the books that have ever been banned anywhere. And yet this is not such a modern vision after all - compare Aucassin's discourse on Heaven, Hell, and their inhabitants in the medieval romance Aucassin and Nicolette.]

BRUCE HARPER (18 Aug.): I am somewhat baffled by the balance of power that has arisen in [1970D, 1970M, and "the Battle of St. Johns"]. In all three Turkey gained great power. To me this is incomprehensible. I have played about 40 games of Diplomacy thus far, albeit most of them 6 way. Turkey usually gets quite large in our games also, but usually it is the policy of Austria to get either Russia or Turkey on his side. Even if they both go together (which happens generally every game) Austria is in no bind because it will have Serbia and Greece and will be impregnable if Italy will assist her. You will notice that a line going from Boh-Vic-Bud-Ser-Gre will hold against any attacks from a Russo-Turkish alliance with a stationary Italian fleet in the Ionian Sea and an Italian army in Albania supporting Serbia. This army will also be very useful when the time comes to ditch Austria and make an alliance with either Austria's foes, Russia or Turkey. [?] Since it would be in Albania it could not be rooted out as if it was in a supply center and it can be

used to take Greece or Trieste.

Thus it seems to me that Austria cannot be destroyed. If Italy decides to go with Russia and Turkey he can only hope he will be the one left over since only one can live (probably Turkey). If he decides to bolster a sagging Austria he will have a totally secure eastern boundary for the foreseeable future and if Germany attacks from the north he will have enough time to grab some for himself and reform his policy. The army in Bohemia could go in Albania and thus Austria could hold itself together or force Russia into Bohemia. In the latter case he only becomes more dependant on Italy.

I believe that this theory is proved by the fact that when Turkey gets big Italy gets small and Austria gets pushed away or into the sea. Thus Italy's prime mission should be to stop Turkey and bolster Austria. The more dependent Austria is the better.

[If any one group of Diplomacy players plays together regularly for a length of time, the games tend to fall into a common pattern. Turkey is not noticeably weak in most games I've played or refereed. It is Austria who generally has a hard time of it, unless an alliance can be arranged early in the game. Players of Italy or Russia who know the game well do not leap on Austria at the first opportunity. Although Austria can be carved up by the neighbors with little difficulty, Turkey gets too strong by the process - and Austria is a necessary partner in an anti-Turkish alliance.]

ED CRAIG (7 Sept.): Enclosed find \$1.00 for a 10 issue subscription to GRAUSTARK. I can see why Brian Libby (Did you know he's in ROTC? He is) doesn't approve of you. I don't discuss my politics with people like him. It's too easy to lose friends and make enemies that way.

[The enmity of Brian Libby is a badge of honor.]

Thank you for the sample copy. Why, though, is France not credited with Belgium in the Mil-Con II game? She holds it from "Fall 1901" to "Fall 1902" when Germany takes it from her.

[France got the build for Belgium, but possession of the center was overlooked in transcribing the game.]

MICHAEL MONAHAN (2 Oct.): I was greatly interested to read your editorial on the American flag. I have always known that you Americans tend to be a bit fanatical about your flag and national anthem. But this new nuttiness is just a little bit much.

To be fair - I realize that you have much to be proud of and much to worry (euphemism) about. But even in Canada where nationalism is on the rise we don't display flags that way. We just got ours 5 years ago, after making do with a British hand-me-down for over 90.

Note: Canadian nationalism is only an interest in a national identity. Americans own most of our industry and are casting covetous eyes on our natural resources. The Continental Energy Policy means Canada gives ALL (not 1/2 or 1/3) of its energy resources (oil, natural gas, electricity, water etc.) to the U. S. A.

But enough of our problems.

In your editorial [in GRAUSTARK #221] you mention the slogan "Our Flag, Love It or Leave". As about 70,000 Americans have, to Canada. Well, they get a mixed reaction. Although it is NOT a crime to be in Canada while A. W. O. L. from the U. S. Army many people don't like it. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have co-operated with the F. B. I. in keeping tabs on these "deserters" and have even deported, illegally, some. BUT this is not permitted and when caught some very nasty questions are raised in Parliament by our left-winged, nationalistic New Democratic Party.

So if any of you are coming to Canada don't be misled. The police  
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## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The familiar street names of the Monopoly board mostly come from Atlantic City, as delegates to the Democratic National Convention discovered in 1964. Immediately there began status plays among them: delegations housed on Park Place looked down on delegations located on Pennsylvania Avenue, who in turn upstaged those in hotels on St. James Place. (Baltic and Mediterranean Avenue are, of course, the Negro ghetto nowadays.)

At long last Atlantic City has acknowledged this publicity by unveiling a plaque at Park Place. According to the news of this event in the New York Post (12 Aug. 1970), more than 60 million Monopoly sets have been sold since Charles B. Darrow invented the game in 1930.

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"A professional lady writer I know is ghosting a book for a well-known astrologer who, of course, makes predictions about the major events of the coming year or two.

"Asked about the possibility of President Nixon being assassinated in the next year, the astrologer hemmed and hawed a bit, and then said: 'Let's hedge on that.'" - Jim Bishop, New York Column, 14 Aug. 1970

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"DICK: The familiar name of the president. Often used to describe a rampant epidemic of a rare disease which attacks the sexual function of campus activists: namely 'Tricky Dick'." - Dan Mauer, Screw #84, 12 Oct. 1970

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All of which is reminiscent of the little moron who thought that Moby Dick was a venereal disease.

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Who said this? (Answer next issue)

"Winning the fight for freedom in Vietnam is essential to the survival of all Asia. The Communist Vietcong guerrillas must be defeated... The Administration should declare without reservation that it will withdraw no more American forces from Vietnam until the military situation justifies such action. The Administration should make clear that it supports the existing government in Saigon, and should cease from criticizing it."

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"Joseph Papp does great things for me. After seeing the feminist musical Mod Donna at his Public Theater in May, I swore off women for a year." - Dick Brukenfeld, Village Voice, 8 Oct. 1970

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A fifth issue of TABARD is now in the press. It is rather longer than the others, and contains the complete texts of two medieval plays, The Play of Saint George, and Robin Hood and the Friar. The former is an old English Christmas play in a text collected by Thomas Hardy, while the latter is based on a medieval ballad of how Friar Tuck joined Robin's band. It is hoped that both these plays can be presented at future revels of the New York members of the Society for Creative Anachronism. This issue is available for 10¢ and a stamped, self-addressed envelope of "legal" size. If you wish, any or all of the previous four issues can also be included, at no additional cost.

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"ON THE HOT RUMOR WIRE: Lester Maddox will soon host a fund raising dinner in Atlanta for the Conservative Party Senatorial candidate, James Buckley of New York and Sharon, Connecticut." - Mary Perot Nichols, Village Voice, 8 Oct. 1970

Let's all take time out for a good long laugh.

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While we're on the topic of guessing quotations, who recently made this assessment of President Nixon:

"He is a statesman whom I admire profoundly, whose gifts of foresight, realism, humanity and total commitment to his responsibilities are an example and a source of inspiration."

(Answer in the next issue.)

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On 8 October 1970 the New York Daily World devoted two pages to an assessment of the career of Gus Hall, chairman of the Communist Party of the USA, on the occasion of his

60th birthday. On the same day, the New York Times reported that Hall had won \$500 in the New York State Lottery. The Times was highly amused by this fact, but most of the Communist countries do have state lottery systems - as do most other European countries as well.

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A few years ago a television actor named Steve Allen followed some of his colleagues into politics with a demand that the United States bomb China. One would think that this would give him excellent credentials with other war queers. But in Anaheim he was just forced out of being grand marshal of a Halloween Festival Parade because people even to the right of him thought that he did not "fit into the free enterprise and patriotic mold that has exemplified the parade over the years". (New York Daily World, 9 Oct. 1970)

It is difficult to see how Allen could have antagonized these people - unless it was because he merely wanted to bomb China with non-nuclear explosives. It is also difficult to see how conservatism can be regarded as anything but a form of pathology.

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Colt 45 Malt Liquor is branching out into the field of board games. In the student newspaper at Brooklyn College - and presumably elsewhere as well - they are pushing a game called Bottoms Up. ("Like Colt 45 Malt Liquor, it is designed for adventurous adults (2 or more) and is not recommended for the shy or faint of heart.") The game is sold at \$4.95; the advertisement shows a prominently bottomed girl and a young man in sideburns playing the game and drinking Colt 45. The character of the game can presumably be inferred from the girl's state of undress.

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"U. S. SEES A PERIL IN ASIA CEASE-FIRE" - New York Times, 14 Oct. 1970, page 1

"CORPORATE BONDS IN PRICE TUMBLE - STOCKS DECLINE FOR 4TH SESSION" - New York Times, 14 Oct. 1970, page 65

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"The people here have what most Americans don't have - strong family ties, no divorce, mutual devotion, and a strong faith in God. Wouldn't it be a shame if education ended it all?" - Rev. Creston Tawes, a Roman Catholic parish priest in North Augusta, S. C., New York Times, 14 Oct. 1970

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"I see by an Oct. 7 news story that the Government of South Vietnam has decreed expulsion from the country of all foreign men with long hair.

"This seems like a heaven-sent opportunity for America to disentangle itself from the Asian war with the full approval of Saigon. All we need do is discharge our overseas barbers and let nature take its course." - Francis Jennings, letter, New York Times, 14 Oct. 1970

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"Recently, in a London Magistrate's court the following exchange took place between the police officer giving evidence on a drug charge and the Magistrate.

"MAGISTRATE: Have you the piece of cannabis found on the defendant?

"OFFICER: Yes, your honor.

"MAGISTRATE: Has an analyst verified that in fact it is cannabis?

"OFFICER: We haven't been able to get an analyst's opinion yet.

"MAGISTRATE: How then do you know that it was cannabis?

"OFFICER: On smelling the substance I decided it was cannabis.

"MAGISTRATE: Well, I think I am as good a judge as any as to whether it is in fact cannabis. Let me have a look at it.

"(Judge then proceeds to sniff substance suspiciously and finally licks the offending article just to make sure.)

"MAGISTRATE: Very well, I am satisfied that it is in fact cannabis. Whereabouts did you find the cannabis?

"OFFICER: Up the defendant's rectum, your honor."

- Harvey Matusow (remember him?), East Village Other, 13 Oct. 1970

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The anti-Establishment cartoon attributed in Boardman Robinson in my book review in #219 was actually drawn by William Balfour Ker. It is entitled "From the Depths", and was published in 1905. Not having seen it in some 10 years, I misrecalled the artist.

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There are things that never change. Shortly after we moved to our present address, we cleaned out the loft over the garage and found a large caricature of a campus rebel, class of 1909. The picture, framed and glassed, now hangs in my workroom.

The 1909 campus rebel, like the "normal" students shown for contrast in the background, is clean-shaven. His hair hangs in a lank strand over his forehead, and he smokes an enormous calabash pipe, presumably filled with tobacco. He wears a cream-colored suit in a large check pattern, a pink shirt, a narrow green tie, black high-top shoes, and gray spats. Under one arm is a book entitled "How to Run a University, by Mc". Other books are tucked into his pockets, loaded in a very modern-looking haversack, or carried in a wagon behind him. A dour scowl clouds his face.

Since other evidence in the loft indicates that someone who once lived here was a Princeton man, the owl-and-hammer device in one corner of the picture is presumably that of a Princeton secret society. The good brothers must have been greatly amused by this comically clad malcontent; one wonders what any survivors may think of the Jews, Negroes, women, and revolutionaries now enrolled at Old Nassau.

"The false states of Europe: England, France, Spain, Italy, Hungary, Prussia, Estonia, Latvia, Rumania, Bavaria. The boundaries are fixed. The true states of Europe: the unemployed, the workers, the employers, the profiteers on the work of others. The boundaries are fluid." - Kurt Tucholsky

"What is [Edmund G.] Brown's answer to men like Reagan? 'Reason, not violence...rapid reform, not revolution.' It is the old liberal line, sounding rather lame in an age of bank burnings and Agnew-inania. But it's all we've got." - Steven V. Roberts, New York Times Book Review, 4 October 1970.

In the last GRAUSTARK a brief description was given of a pro-war, anti-union, anti-student politician whom readers were asked to identify. It is John Vliet Lindsay, Mayor of New York City. Now, for the extra point, which one of the three candidates for U. S. Senator from New York is on record as favoring the John Birch Society's plan to put red labels in library books allegedly written by Communists?

GRAUSTARK, the oldest postal Diplomacy magazine, is published and edited by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00. No new games are presently being organized. Back issues are 10¢ each, or 15 for \$1.00. Available back issues are 48, 71, 78, 79, 81-83, 85, 87, 90, 101-115, 117-124, 127-134, 136-143, 145, 147-151, 153, 155, 166, 167, 170-174, 183, 184, 190-193, 195-222. All back issues containing moves in current games are available, but some are now in short supply. In addition, RURITANIA 28, 39, and 40 are still available, though also in short supply.

Why does President Nixon have insomnia?  
Psalms CXXI, 4.

Despite the fact that they use the U. S. flag as their faction's banner, the war queers who turned out for Carl McIntyre's "March for Victory" on 3 October were not averse to the use of other flags. Among those that appeared during the Washington demonstration were the flags

of Tsarist Russia, Nazi Germany, the Confederacy, and the rump governments maintained at our expense in Saigon and Taipeh. (New York Times, 4 Oct. 1970 and New York Daily World, 6 Oct. 1970)

Kankakee papers please copy.

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"A series of Recruiting Acts was passed, beginning in the session of 1703-1704, whereby compulsory enlistment in the Army was rendered legal within certain strict limits...But the business of enlistment, though thus facilitated by law, was still left to local haphazard and caprice...Sometimes the mob rose against the recruiting officers, and forcibly set free those whom the magistrates had consigned to their clutches..." - George Macaulay Trevelyan, England Under Queen Anne, Vol. I

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"One young Army information officer said that most members of the generation now being drafted into the Army had been conditioned by the political climate of high school and college to oppose the war.

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"Then how do you explain the war to them?' he was asked.

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"You try to tell them why we're in Vietnam,' he said.

P Great

"Do you succeed?'

E Intervals

"It's difficult, because the reasons are always changing." - New York Times, 11 Oct. 1970

R This

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"The boldest number...is called 'The Family That Stays Together Stays Together'. It starts with a father and mother singing a ditty advising their son and daughter to avoid reading or thinking and to watch television.

I Inflame

O Optic

N Nerves

"The orderly scene crumbles. It begins to rain. The house fills with water. The children point this out. The father...insists, as they all sink out of sight, that neither the rain nor the leaks are to blame, but only the children's irresponsible complaining."

# 446

Are there any guesses as to the source of this report of an anti-establishment play? (The answer will appear in the next issue.)

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"James Buckley, Conservative candidate for the United States Senate, charged yesterday that his opponents subscribe to a foreign policy that 'would leave the United States without the means of defending our commitment to Israel.'" - New York Daily News, 11 Oct. 1970

Right on, Jimmy baby!

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"Next, the participants were given nine simple questions dealing in a general way with the four opinion questions. For example, one question asked for the continent in which Red China is located. Less than 30% of those eager to bomb China could name the continent to attack! Only 13% knew the present ruler of China." - Los Angeles Free Press, 9 Oct. 1970

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"White is wearing rings in your ears while laughing at people who wear rings in their noses." - Village Voice, 15 Oct. 1970

GRAUSTARK's many Michigan readers may be interested to learn that Lenore Romney, the Republican candidate for Senator from that state, has just been endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan. Thus the tradition begun by George Lincoln Rockwell in 1960 with his sign "Kikes for Kennedy, Nazis for Nixon" and continued in 1964 with the Klan endorsements for Goldwater, is carried on into the '70's.

Jerry White writes from Portland that Ray Amling has gone to Beirut without leaving a forwarding address. (He'll be studying at the American University there.) Since it is unlikely that he can continue as a stand-by in 1970D and 1970J under these circumstances, he is replaced by Brian Burley, 38 N. Main St., Hackettstown, N. J. 07840; 201-852-2282.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

(continued from p. 6).

'must have an open hearing before they can deport you and you can appeal to the Minister of Immigration. Although generally our police are much better than some. If you do get in trouble there are organisations that might help and the New Democratic Party should take up any serious or documented cases. So Bienvenue and Ciad Mille Falto!

Goodbye from the Smug Society to your Sick Society.

P. S. Editorials really do enliven a magazine in which one is not actually playing a game so keep them up. (Which I'm sure is news to you.)  
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DEREK NELSON (undated): As usual GRAUSTARK is full of faulty logic, sloppy thinking, and irrelevant comments. Normally it takes a while for me to comment, if ever.

However, when you mention the Edmund Burke Society in #222 you quote  
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"To govern according to the sense and agreement of the interests of the people is a great and glorious object of government. This object cannot be obtained but through the medium of popular election, and popular election is a mighty evil." - Edmund Burke, 1780

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from the World, which is, I understand, the Communist Party paper in New  
York.

Fine. Let's check its accuracy, and yours.

The society is a "worthy successor of the 18th century conservative whose name they bear." Fact. The constitution of the EBS defines its principles in six clauses, four of them quotes from Locke and two from Jefferson. At maximum Burke would have agreed with two of them.

[The Burke of 1776 or the Burke of 1791?]

Why the name? Andrews, Fromm and the other founder wanted someone "respectable" but non-left, so they took Burke over Jefferson and Locke because the latter two are claimed by the left.

"Burke was so panic-stricken about an international Jacobin society that he urged the suppression of the civil liberties of British leftists." Such a comment proves your political stupidity. What was a "leftist" in 1800? [Three years after Burke's death?] It was the Jacobins who carried war to the four corners of Europe, and the world. But that's irrelevant.

His "imitators are so panic-stricken about an international Communist conspiracy that they urge the suppression of the civil liberties of modern leftists." Kindly name the "civil liberties" the EBS has tried to suppress.

If you don't I call you a liar, and if you do I call you a liar.

[That the Pitt administration suppressed the freedom of speech and association of the British left during the last decade of the 18th century, with Burke's full approval, is a fact so well established that I do not propose to waste space on it. As for Fromm, he was trying to shout down Kunstler and prevent him from getting his message across. I would call that "suppression of civil liberties".]

[Incidentally, I would not call the suppression of a pro-war speech or publication a "suppression of civil liberties". War is not a civil liberty.]

The purpose of the EBS is to seek and counter leftist publicity in the action field. That was why the EBS was founded, and that is its aim to this day. It is not "panic-stricken" by anything.

"The EBS tries to shout down anti-war speakers (including William Kunstler, who is now in trouble in Toronto for cooling off their ardor with a pitcher-full of water.)" Since Canada is not at war no rally in Canada could possibly be an "anti-war" rally. [By this "logic", no one could join the March of Dimes unless he were a polio victim.] Call them what they are: anti-American rallies with imported AMERICAN speakers. The EBS heckles them. Are you opposed to heckling, you fascist?

Kunstler is not "in trouble". He is charged under the criminal code with assault. Kunstler did not cool off EBSer Paul Fromm with a "pitcher-full of water". The medical report states that Fromm was hit by the pitcher, resulting in "bruises to the left side of Mr. Fromm's face, lacerations inside his mouth and that his teeth were driven through his lip and finally that he was rendered unconscious." Since he was carried off the stage that sounds reasonable.

"Its leader, Donald Andrews." The only truth in your whole statement, and then only partly so. There are several co-leaders, Andrews is one, some of them elected. He's called "don" by those who know him.

"The group is 3 years old, and has approximately 400 members in six chapters in various Canadian cities." The EBS is older than three years, "400" is inaccurate for its membership, and I rather doubt the "six chapter" nonsense.

How do I know the World is wrong and that you're wrong? Easy. I was at the EBS founding meeting. I went to high school with Andrews (though I knew nothing of his politics till I'd left school). I know several club members, including Fromm. Though I am not, and never have been a member, I know the EBS well enough to dispute your inaccuracies.

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F I R S T C L A S S M A I L

"All political parties die at  
last of swallowing their own lies."  
- John Arbuthnot (1667-1735)